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AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2004.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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pending claims. Applicants further ask for extension of the period for response to be extended three months to August 24, 2004, and authorize a charge to Deposit Account No. 01-1250 in the amount of \$950.00 for the extension fee. Order No. 04-0292. Should any fees be due for entry and consideration of this Amendment that have not been accounted for, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

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